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how can you live with yourselves? What on earth possessed you to think that the settlement that you reached with MS had any teeth in it at all? If you want, I can go into a detailed analysis of exactly how the settlement you made totally screws the consumer, but the cynic in me tells me that it'd probably end up in the trash unread.

Augh. Tell me it isn't so. I had such high hopes for you guys. Guess its just one more painful step in losing idealism and the belief in justice...  
\*sigh\*.

Ed (hoping that he's wrong, but thinking that there's a 99.999% chance that he's right)

(ps - if I \*am\* wrong, let me know. There's a good chance that a decent argument in front of Ms. Kollar-Kotelly will get you off the hook of an \*embarrassing\* deal with MS, or perhaps you can 'recant' your belief in the settlement and give it no credence. And I'd be happy to draft a list of points exactly \*how\* Microsoft can worm their way out of Yet Another Consent Decree... \*sigh\*.)